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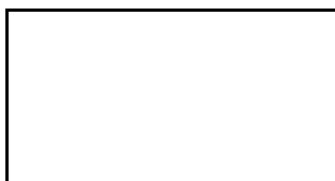
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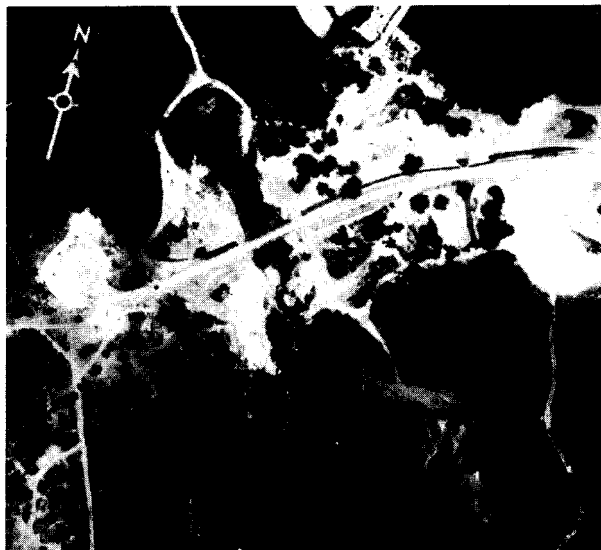
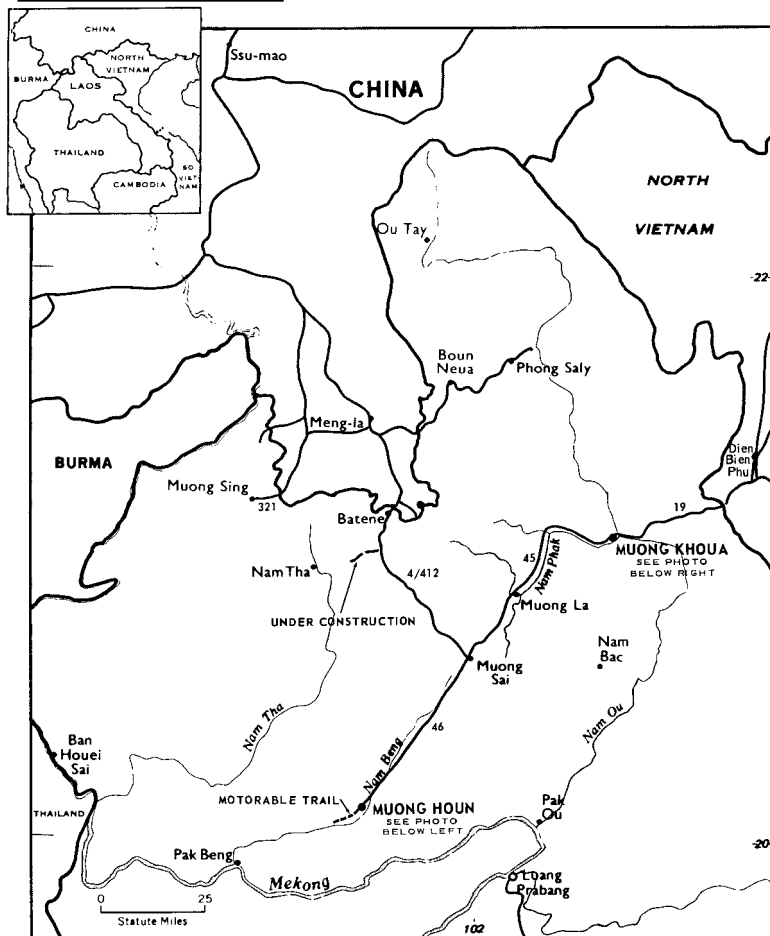
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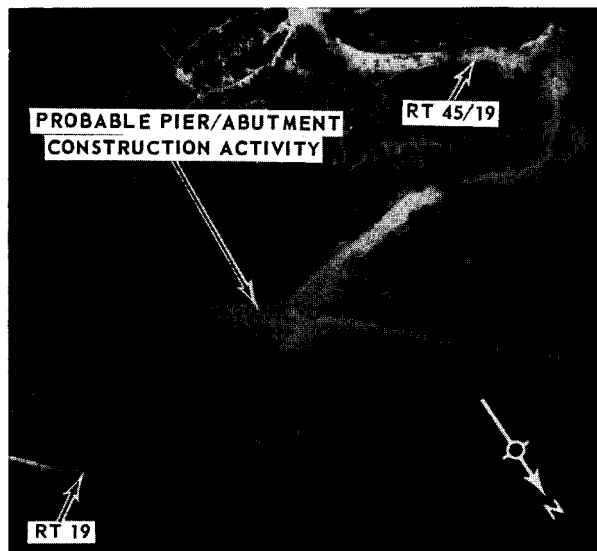
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Gravel surfaced turnaround on Route 46 at Muong Houn,



Site of probable bridge construction at Muong Khoua,

FIGURE 2. STATUS OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN NORTHWEST, LAOS,

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CHINA-LAOSChinese Road Construction in Northwest Laos

The Chinese road building effort in northwest Laos now appears to be concentrated on completing the major roads already started, including a bridge across the Nam Ou River to tie Route 19 from North Vietnam into the network. They are also constructing secondary roads into a previously isolated area south of the China-Laos border between Route 4/412 and Muong Sing. (See Figure 2.)

During the past two and one-half years a two lane all-weather road has been constructed from the China-Laos border to Muong Sai (Route 4/412) and then southwest to Muong Houn (Route 46). Routes 4/412 and 46 are complete, with only isolated spots along the routes being repaired or upgraded. All bridge construction along these routes is complete. At Muong Houn, a turn-around area has been gravel surfaced, suggesting that no immediate attempt will be made to extend Route 46 south of this point.

Route 45 extending northeast from Muong Sai to Muong Khoua is still in various stages of construction. Work is under way on bridges and their approaches, particularly at the northern end of this route. On photography of [] a probable pier or abutment on the west bank of the Nam Ou River indicated that a bridge is probably under construction at Muong Khoua to connect the road network with Route 19 from North Vietnam.

Renewed construction of a probable secondary road west from Route 4/412 towards Nam Tha was observed on [] photography. Construction of this road first started in [] but was then abandoned. At present, approximately 4 nm of motorable road has been opened and a survey trace extends another 3 nm towards Nam Tha located approximately 8 nm further west. Another secondary road, Route 321 between the China-Laos border and Muong Sing, was reopened to truck traffic by [] but no major effort was required to open this road.

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FIGURE 3. CHINESE MERCHANT SHIP GUILIN EN ROUTE TO DAR ES SALAAM

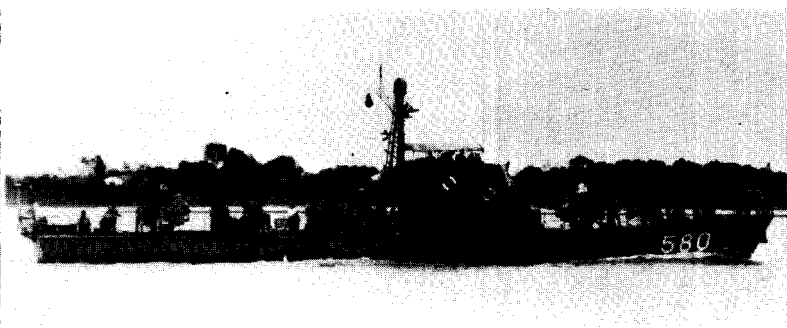


FIGURE 4.
SHANGHAI II-CLASS
MOTOR GUNBOAT.

LENGTH	130 FEET
DISPLACEMENT	140 TONS
ARMAMENT	4 TWIN-MOUNTED 37-MM GUNS AND 4 TWIN-MOUNTED 25-MM GUNS

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CHINA-TANZANIAChinese-Built Gunboats Identified in Tanzania

Two Chinese-built Shanghai II-class motor gunboats have been identified on satellite photography of [] at the new Dar es Salaam naval base. The only other vessels in the Tanzanian navy are World War II German patrol boats. The naval base at Dar es Salaam is reportedly being built with Chinese assistance, []

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Surface photography of [] revealed the Chinese merchant ship Guilin southbound in the Pearl River near Hong Kong with canvas-covered deck cargo resembling two Shanghai II gunboats. The Guilin was later photographed en route to Dar es Salaam (see Figure 3).

The Shanghai II is the most widely used gunboat in the Chinese navy. (See Figure 4.) The only other boats of this class known to have been exported by China were supplied to North Korea.

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